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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VEST

1. IN CORDIAL, BRIEF MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT
ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST, ANDERSEN DISCUSSED UPCOMING
AGUSTSSON VISIT, REITERATED HIS PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT
AT TERMINAL DECISION AND RAISED NEW CIVIL AVIATION MATTER.
ATMOSPHERICS WERE EXCELLENT AND ANDERSEN DEPARTED IN GOOD
SPIRITS.

2. ON AGUSTSSON VISIT, ANDERSEN SAID MINISTER WAS AVAILABLE
IN SEPTEMBER. ASSISTANT SECRETARY REPLIED THE DEPARTMENT
LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING MINISTER AND WE WOULD
SOON PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATE. FYI: WE ARE TENTATIVELY
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LOOKING AT SEPTEMBER 19-20 AND WILL NOTIFY YOU WHEN WE
HAVE CONFIRMED DATES. END FYI.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH DESK OFFICER, ANDERSEN
STATED THAT MINISTER WISHED TO CALL ON SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
AND HOPED VISITS TO CINCLANT AND NORAD COULD AGAIN BE
SCHEDULED.

4. ANDERSEN OBSERVED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS NOT HAPPY WITH HIS PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON ON DEFENSE ISSUES AND VOICED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER TERMINAL DECISION. ASSISTANT SECRETARY PROMISED ANDERSEN CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THOROUGH EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVES. ANDERSEN WAS ADVISED THAT WE COULD NOT RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION OF THE NEGATIVE DECISION SO RECENTLY TAKEN AT HIGH LEVEL IN US GOVERNMENT BUT WE WOULD CERTAINLY EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF EX-IM FINANCING DURING MINISTER'S VISIT AND WE FULLY SHARED AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN THAT AGUSTSSON NOT LEAVE WASHINGTON WITH SENSE OF FRUSTRATION OR REJECTION. ASSISTANT SECRETARY WELCOMED ANDERSEN'S PROPOSAL TO SIT DOWN AND REVIEW DETAILS OF TOPICS LIKELY TO ARISE IN ADVANCE OF VISIT.

5. FINALLY, AND WITH SOME ILL-DISGUISED RELUCTANCE, ANDERSEN BROACHED SUBJECT OF ADDING LOFTLEIDIR LANDING RIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO AND NYC. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS RAISING THIS INFORMALLY AT THIS TIME AND HAD NO DESIRE TO "OPEN A CAN OF WORMS." MR. VEST RESPONDED THAT CIVIL AIR TALKS ALWAYS TENDED TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY HAGGLING AND DRAWN OUT NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS INSTANCE, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAID HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC BUT WOULD CERTAINLY SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF OUR AVIATION POLICY PEOPLE AND PASS THEM ON TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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